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1 Baltimore's police department Monday began testing body cameras on its officers. More than 150 uniformed officers and detectives stationed throughout the city will begin wearing cameras to record their interactions with the public. REUTERS

BINGE WATCHING KILLING

2 A New Mexico man who had been watching the hit TV series "The Walking Dead" beat his friend to death because he believed the victim was turning into a zombie, police said Monday. Damon Perry, 23, of Prewitt, New Mexico, is charged with murder after allegedly attacking Christopher Paquin, also 23, with kicks, punches, sharp-edged objects and items including a guitar and a microwave oven, police said. The pair had been "binge watching" episodes of the popular AMC show. REUTERS

BACON CANCER RISK

3 Eating processed meats like hot dogs, sausages or bacon can lead to cancer, and red meat is a likely cause of the disease, the World Health Organization said. The review by the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer put processed meat in its Group 1 list, for which there is "sufficient evidence" of cancer links. REUTERS

CEREMONY FOR MISSING SOLDIER FROM KOREAN WAR

7 Shelva Moats (with cane) watches as members of the Army's Old Guard carry the casket of her brother, U.S. Army Cpl. Robert E. Meyers, during a burial service for Meyers at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday in Arlington, Virginia. Meyers, whose remains were only recently identified due to advances in technology, was declared missing in action in December of 1950 after his unit was involved in combat operations near Sonchu, North Korea.

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SXSW KILLER TRIAL

4 Jury selection started Monday in the murder trial of a Texas man accused of plowing his car into a crowd at the South by Southwest festival in Austin last year, killing four people and injuring nearly two dozen. Rashad Owens, 23, is facing 26 charges, including capital murder, for the incident at the popular festival. REUTERS

SHIGELLA OUTBREAK

5 Nearly 200 people in the San Francisco area have been sickened by an intestinal disease caused by the highly contagious Shigella bacteria since an outbreak began at a Mexican seafood restaurant 10 days ago, health officials said Monday. The outbreak, which began Oct. 16 at the Mariscos San Juan No. 3 restaurant in San Jose, had spread across six counties and infected 182 people as of last Friday, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department said in a statement. REUTERS

COLLEGE LOWERS FLAG

6 The University of Mississippi stopped flying the state flag on its campus Monday after students and faculty demanded the removal of the banner. The state's flagship university, nicknamed "Ole Miss," lowered the flag during a ceremony and planned to relocate it to the university's archives. REUTERS

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BRIEFS

Nutter orders investigation into L&I
Mayor Michael Nutter announced Monday he has referred media allegations of record-tampering within the Department of Licenses & Inspections to the Office of the Inspector General.

"If true, the allegations are unacceptable," Nutter said at a press conference of a report claiming 82 private demolitions were not properly inspected by Licenses & Inspections (L&I) this year, published over the weekend in the Inquirer, which he called a "tremendously troubling story."

"We must get to the bottom of it," he said.

The allegations in the article include that only 17 percent of demolitions reviewed were correctly inspected by L&I under new guidelines; some L&I records contain contradictory information; and comments from sources indicating that some inspectors may have altered records in computers to conceal record-keeping errors. Nutter has pushed for reform at L&I in the wake of the June 5, 2013 Salvation Army collapse that killed six and wounded 13 people, which was widely seen as a failure of L&I, the city's regulatory agency in charge of building standards and construction safety. METRO

ESPN "College GameDay" to be held at Independence Mall
ESPN's "College GameDay" said Monday it will broadcast live from Independence Mall as the Temple Owls' 7-0 squad goes against Notre Dame on Saturday.

The preview show will air around 9 a.m. The game begins 8 p.m. that evening. METRO

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Man dead after station run-in with SEPTA cop

Surveillance video shows the officer (left) escorting the man out of the station, moments before a struggle broke out on the street. SEPTA

Police are investigating the incident.

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A SEPTA cop wrestled on the ground with a man who later died as panicked dispatchers and cops tried to figure out where he was for eight minutes, audio recordings played for the media revealed.

But police are still investigating exactly what led to the man's death after he was transported to a local hospital.

The man, whom police have not identified, was escorted out of the Huntingdon Station on the Market-Frankford Line sometime before 2 a.m. as a transit cop was closing the station.

Video shows the officer walking — apparently peacefully — with the man to street level, where the man got into an argument with a third person.

After the officer broke up that argument, the man turned his anger on the officer. According to police radio recordings, the officer called for backup at 1:56 a.m. He did not tell dispatchers where he was in the initial call, and dispatchers could be heard saying the officer could be anywhere between 2nd Street in Center City to Frankford Avenue.

"When you are rolling around on the ground," said SEPTA Police Chief Thomas Nestel III, "sometimes you forget the most important thing, and that's where you are."

Nestel said the officer used a stun gun on the man. It's not known how many times it was used or whether it contributed to the man's death.

Six minutes later, the officer was finally able to give his location. Two minutes after that, backup officers arrived. The man was subdued at 2:05 a.m.

"Eight minutes is a very long time," Nestel said.

Police say the man was conscious when he was put into the back of a police car. But when he arrived at Frankford-Aria Hospital at 2:18 a.m., he was unresponsive.

Nestel said the man still had a pulse, but he was no longer responding to questions from officers.

It's unclear when the man's medical condition changed. Police logs show that after he was handcuffed, police did not leave the scene to transport him until 2:16 a.m.

Nestel said the officer is a five-year veteran of the SEPTA Police Department. He has no prior complaints for the use of excessive force. He generally works the midnight shift, which Nestel said is usually quiet.

An autopsy is being conducted to determine the man's cause of death.

Detectives from the Philadelphia Police Homicide Unit are working to determine if the officer committed a crime. The officer was treated for a bite wound to the wrist.

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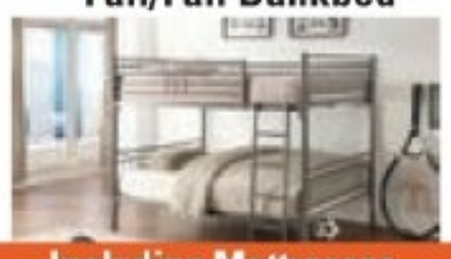

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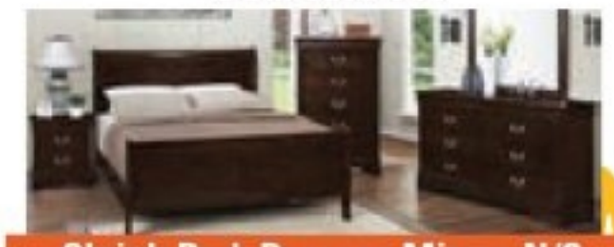

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Local kids head to White House

A community activist will take a group of kids to D.C.

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Jackie Wleh, head of ABC Men Inc., runs laps between LOVE Park and the Art Museum to raise funds for the trip to D.C. Right, Wleh with a group of the students going on the trip. CHARLES MOSTOLLER/PROVIDED

Jackie Wleh has been running laps lately. But he's not trying to get in shape. He's hitting the streets to get the public's attention — and hopefully raise funds for his nonprofit group, which is taking kids to Washington, D.C., this week.

"Most of these kids have never even seen City Hall, let alone the White House," Wleh said. "I want to make sure they're in an environment where their curiosity is increased. Where they can say 'Wow, look at this — I can do this too.'"

ABC Men (which stands for Able Bodied Christian Men) also provides volunteer snow removal services for seniors during winter and provides funds to poor families during the holidays through its Adopt-A-Family program. But the program is expanding to include educational programs for kids, Wleh said.

Anything that can transform their thinking — that's good enough."
Wleh

"It's going to be nice to get out of Philly and to see different things," said Halima Kallon, 14, one of the Southwest Philly middle-schoolers heading to the White House on Wednesday.

"I hope to see somebody who can influence me," she said of the trip. "Why don't we get to talk to the president?"

Barack Obama may be a tad too busy to meet with the group of about 35 kids Wleh is bringing, but he said the important thing is to get them there to see the nation's capital for the first time.

If they had their chance, some of these feisty kids said they would to talk about the big issues with the president.

"I want to ask him, 'Why did he send our troops to Iraq?'" Kallon said.

Other students going on the trip said their goals ranged from career-based to community service in their communuty.

"I want to go to the Supreme Court. I want to learn what qualifications you need to be a lawyer," said Samuel Cole, 14.

NaTray Harper, 14, said she hopes the trip will help ABC Men attract sponsors to expand its charitable work.

"What we do is we help people," Harper said, mentioning ABC Men's food and coat giveaways and neighborhood clean-up projects. "We need to grow so we can help even more people."

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Parents plead guilty to son's starvation

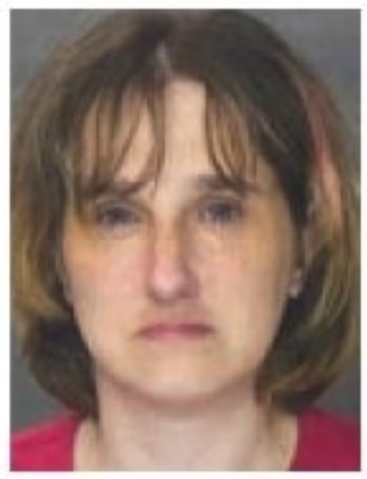
Jarrod Tutko Sr., 39, and Kimberly Tutko, 40, both pleaded guilty to third-degree murder charges Monday for letting their 9-year-old disabled son starve to death and of nearly doing the same to a disabled daughter.

The Tutkos were charged Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas in Harrisburg for the death of their son, Jarrod, Jr., last year and the abusive treatment of his sister, Arianna, 10.

The Tutkos lived with their six children, all but one of whom had some sort of medical or developmental problem, in a rented house in Harrisburg.

Courts had previously taken away four other children from Kimberly Tutko, police said. Those children were fathered by another man.

On Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, Harrisburg police went to the house and found the decomposing body of Jarrod Tutko Jr., who had died about four days earlier. The child suffered from Fragile-X Syndrome, a genetic disorder. He was three-and-a-half feet tall and weighed less than 17 lbs because of starvation, an autopsy found.



Jarrod and Kimberly Tutko

His parents kept him locked in a third-floor room with no bed or lights, where he was prone to smearing himself and the walls with feces, authorities said.

The daughter, Arianna Tutko, was found in a second-floor bedroom in a coma and just hours from death, police said. She recovered, and with the other four children, were taken away from their parents by the state.

The Tutkos will be sentenced in December. They could face up to 40 years. REUTERS

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Free college for some at Rutgers-Camden

New program offers deep tuition cuts.

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A new initiative at Rutgers University-Camden would mean free or reduced-cost tuition for students from moderate income levels.

Starting in the fall of 2016, incoming freshman from families with less than $60,000 in adjusted gross income will not be charged tuition. Students from families making between $60,000 and $100,000 will see the school's $11,217 tuition cut in half.

The announcement comes amid a vociferous debate in recent years over the enormous debt loads carried by young graduates.

According to some measures, Americans hold more than $1.3 trillion in student debt.

"The economic and social costs of student loan debt can be profound, even at a state-supported institution such as Rutgers," said Craig Westman, the university's associate chancellor for admissions.

The university admits about 400 freshman each year, and about 60 percent of them would qualify for free and reduced tuition, Westman said.

Westman said the school hopes to decrease the amount of debt students have when they graduate, as well as decrease the number of hours students have to work while in school.

In an internal survey, the university found that more than half of the school's students work between 20 and 40 hours per week, in addition to attending classes.

There is some fine print to the tuition breaks, said university spokesman Mike Sepanic.

Students must graduate high school no earlier than the spring of 2016 in New Jersey. They have to enroll full time — that's 30 credits per year — at the university in the fall and attend classes on campus.

That means that transfer students won't have access to the program; neither will students who are returning to school after a gap year.

Typically, colleges announcing plans for free or reduced-cost tuition for families with moderate incomes have tended to be elite schools that have heavy endowments to fall back on.

That's not the case for Rutgers-Camden, which has historically served low-income families and first-generation college students.

Students will still need to fill out financial aid forms. Because while there may be reduced costs to students, the school does expect that many students will also receive federal grants.

The university said that 72 percent of its students borrowed money for the 2013-14 school year.

Sepanic said an expected increase in enrollment will help cover the costs of the program.

In all, the school has a student body of about 6,700, a figure that includes graduate and professional school students as well as transfers.

"Bold moves are necessary to counter the real debt challenges that face college graduates across the nation," Rutgers–Camden Chancellor Phoebe A. Haddon said in a statement.

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FashionHack gets students into STEM

High school inventors show off wearable tech.

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Philly kids with aspirations to invent the next big thing got to show off their work at a weekend science fair that combined technology and fashion.

"I was skeptical in my ability to be an engineer of anything until I started working on these awesome shoes," said Tyler Sheppard, 17, a senior at Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School who attended the first FashionHack, a wearable-technology showcase hosted by Temple University's engineering school.

More than 30 minority students who worked at Creative Tech Works Design Studio, a tech-training program for urban students, showed off their work at the FashionHack on Saturday.

CTW founder Dr. Jamie Bracey said the event was intended to spotlight the rising interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) studies in predominately minority classrooms.

"If they are hungry for the sciences, I will take them," Bracey said. "It's been a pleasure mentoring and connecting them with the proper resources to show this city that students of color are capable of inventing anything."

Sheppard presented a fitness shoe with sensory LED lights that will "help signal drivers late at night to know when someone is running in the dark."

The project took him a month the complete as a new member of CTW.

Sheppard has hopes of attending Penn State or Villanova after graduation, and since participating in the studio, he is "reevaluating the game plan" of the course he'd like to follow.

Kids at the FashionHack showcase. ERNEST OWENS

"I thought I wanted to study animation … which is still my top choice, but after seeing how cool it was to hand-make these gadgets myself, I might do engineering," he said.

"At first it felt awkward working with the boys, but eventually it became normal," said Monique Mbombo, 17, a junior at George Washington Carver High School who was at FashionHack.

Mbombo, a member of CTW for three years, was in charge of creating the electronic accessories and name tags that participants in the event wore.

"Laser-cutting, bolt batteries, LED lights, you name it — I've done it," Mbombo said. "I like that we had a tech fashion show because it made me feel like I could show the boys that it's not that weird. "

Mbombo has her sights set on applying to Temple or Drexel her senior year. And she says that despite those around her "who [don't] have a clue what to do," she is confident in her career goals.

"I want to be an engineer," she said. "Either helping through nursing or medical work, but definitely an engineer."

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The patrols will mark the most serious U.S. challenge yet to the 12-nautical-mile territorial limit China claims around the islands and follows months of deliberation.

USS destroyer Lassen is seen anchored. GETTY IMAGES

"Ensuring that free flow of commerce ... is critical to the global economy,"

Josh Earnest

The U.S. Navy plans to send the destroyer U.S.S. Lassen within 12 nautical miles of artificial islands built by China in the South China Sea within 24 hours, in the first of a series of challenges to China's territorial claims, a U.S. defense official said Monday.

The patrol would occur near Subi and Mischief reefs in the Spratly archipelago, features that were formerly submerged at high tide before China began a massive dredging project to turn them into islands in 2014.

The ship would likely be accompanied by a U.S. Navy P-8A surveillance plane and possibly P-3 surveillance plane, which have been conducting regular surveillance missions in the region, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Additional patrols would follow in coming weeks and could also be conducted around features that Vietnam and the Philippines have built up in the Spratlys, the official added.

"This is something that will be a regular occurrence, not a one-off event," said the official. "It's not something that's unique to China."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest referred questions on any specific operations to the Pentagon but said the United States had made clear to China the importance of free flow of commerce in the South China Sea.

"There are billions of dollars of commerce that float through that region of the world," Earnest told a news briefing.

The patrols will mark the most serious U.S. challenge yet to the 12-nautical-mile territorial limit China claims around the islands and follows months of deliberation.

The move risks significantly upsetting already strained ties with China, the world's second-biggest economy, with which U.S. business and economic interests are deeply intertwined.

It would be the first time the United States has gone within 12 miles of the features since China began building the reefs up in 2014. It last went within 12 miles of Chinese-claimed territory in the Spratlys in 2012.

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BRIEF

Syrian rebels to Russia: Stop bombing us

An alliance of Free Syrian Army-related insurgent groups said on Monday it was skeptical about a Russian proposal to help rebels, and that Moscow must stop bombing rebels and civilians and withdraw its support for President Bashar al-Assad.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Saturday the Russian air force, which has been bombing insurgents in Syria since Sept. 30, would be ready to help the "patriotic" Syrian opposition.

"Their words are not like their actions. How can we talk to them while they are hitting us?" Issam al-Rayyes, spokesman for the Southern Front of the Free Syrian Army, told Reuters.

Russian warplanes have bombed a number of FSA-affiliated groups in northern areas of Syria since intervening in the war on the side of Assad. The Russian air force is providing air cover for several major ground offensives being waged by the Syrian army and allied Iranian and Lebanese Hezbollah fighters.

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Hospital staff axed for trying to get Lamar Odom pics

The health-care sector is generally a solid bet career-wise, but here's a good way to flush any job security down the drain: Try to take photos of a comatose Lamar Odom that you can then sell to the tabloids. Several staffers at Nevada's Sunrise Hospital were reportedly fired after trying to sneak snaps of the former NBA star while he was under care there, according to TMZ — which is particularly amusing, because who the hell do you think they were going to try to sell them to? The newly fired also reportedly tried to access Odom's medical records, which is obviously a big no-no.

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Demi Lovato is not a fan of Poot Lovato

Internet pranksters, Demi Lovato is not amused. Recently, an unflattering photo of the singer inspired a new online folklore legend, Poot Lovato, her fictional twin sister who "was locked in a basement her whole life." The joke spawned a fake Twitter account a full, fan-published back story and a Wikipedia page. And guess what! Demi herself doesn't dig it. "Cool to see a s—ty angle turn into a meme that circulates the Internet to people's amusement ha," she tweeted, using the least convincing laugh I've heard since the last time I tried to do stand-up. "Oh and make actual 'headlines.'" Does this one count? Anyway, she clearly thought better of her complaining, as she deleted the tweet right quick. Or maybe Poot asked her to?

DAILY VIDEO

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Everything wrong with 'Back to the Future II'

Sure, we all had a great time last week with all the Back to the Future Day fun, but consider this the painful, well-earned hangover. While I still maintain "Back to the Future II" is great and doesn't get the credit it deserves, it is not without fault, as the CinemaSins folks are more than happy to point out. And it's really tough to get around the biggest sin: thinking people would still be using fax machines in 2015. Seriously, fax machines?

Leah Remini wants to talk to you about Scientology

Leah Remini is not being shy about her dislike of the Church of Scientology — which isn't all that surprising, considering she has a book coming out called "Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood and Scientology." For instance, did you know: "Being critical of Tom Cruise is being critical of Scientology itself," she says in an interview with "20/20" airing this week. "You are evil." Seems a bit harsh. Remember when people actually used to be afraid of crossing the Church of Scientology because of how much damage it could do to your career or because of all its scary lawyers? So weird, right?

No Jimmy Fallon appendage is safe

Stop me if you've heard this one before: Jimmy Fallon had to be rushed to the hospital because he hurt his hand. No, his other hand. The "Tonight Show" host — who has been recovering from a nasty kitchen accident from over the summer when he almost cut off a finger — took a tumble this weekend and messed up his healthier hand. He was carousing after receiving an award from the Harvard Lampoon, carrying a bottle of Jaegermeister, when "some random girl kneeled down in front of him abruptly as he was turning around and he tripped over her," a source tells People magazine. And down went Fallon, booze bottle and all. He was rushed to Massachusetts General and bandaged up. At this point, if I were Fallon's feet I'd be worried.

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Ugh some animal on the roof or in the wall..slightly horrifying and sorta funny..wild life by day sucks by night

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Very proud to say I wrote that Adele song. I picked up the phone one day and I was, like, "Hello?" and I thought "that's a song"

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I'm sick and re-watching The Squid & The Whale. Owen Kline is funnier than any person on earth. Did we talk about this enough at the time?

@GitRDoneLarry
They couldnt get the male Panda to mate with the female at our zoo so they ended up putting the female Panda in yoga pants. Mission done.

@johncusack
Piggies will be piggies

Rose Leslie goes big time

The "Game of Thrones" actress crosses into Hollywood with "The Last Witch Hunter."

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If you see "The Last Witch Hunter" and have no idea who's playing the female lead, then you probably don't watch "Game of Thrones" — or "Downton Abbey." Scottish actress Rose Leslie has been on both, playing stubborn wildling redhead Ygritte on the former and ambitious Gwen Dawson on the latter. She's fiery again in "The Last Witch Hunter," taking on the role of a good witch with "dreamwalking" powers who helps Vin Diesel's immortal slayer stop a plot revolving around the villainous Queen Witch. But Leslie gets where the big, bad evil witch is coming from.

Vin Diesel is unimpressed with Rose Leslie's D&D knowledge. SCOTT GARFIELD

Vin Diesel was instrumental in getting this made, based on his love of Dungeons & Dragons. That Vin Diesel is a D&D nerd is definitely quite endearing.

He has an extensive knowledge of D&D. I thought that would be a wonderful icebreaker when we met one another on set. But I was just out of my depth. There's a whole language going on with D&D. Quite quickly, I was shut down and put back into my place, and rightly so.

Was it jarring going from a pricey TV show like "Game of Thrones" to a monumentally expensive movie like this?

Do you know what? No. HBO, they pack in so much time and, obviously, quality into their budgets; their standards are really incredibly high.

"Witch Hunter" shows a diversity of witches, some of whom are good. You could even argue that having the Queen Witch as the main villain is a good thing.

Obviously, visually she's quite demonic. But watching the film, for the first time a couple of days ago, I was kind of leaning more toward the Queen. I realized, "S—, you're right, girl. You were here first. You dominated the planet for so long, and then bloody mankind came in and messed it up. You're taking what you believe is rightfully yours." I shouldn't be leaning more toward her, but watching it I thought, "Holy s—, I never thought that when we were shooting it. But she has a point."

"Thrones" vs. "Abbey"

I bet there's a big difference between "Game of Thrones" fans and "Downton Abbey" fans.

Yes, but they're the same in the sense that they're both as loyal and passionate about their show. These shows have been around for the same time, about five years. So far — knock on wood — I've never come across someone on either side where the fans haven't been enamored of the piece. "Downton Abbey" heads, though, compared to "Thrones" people, are probably more reserved. And dainty!

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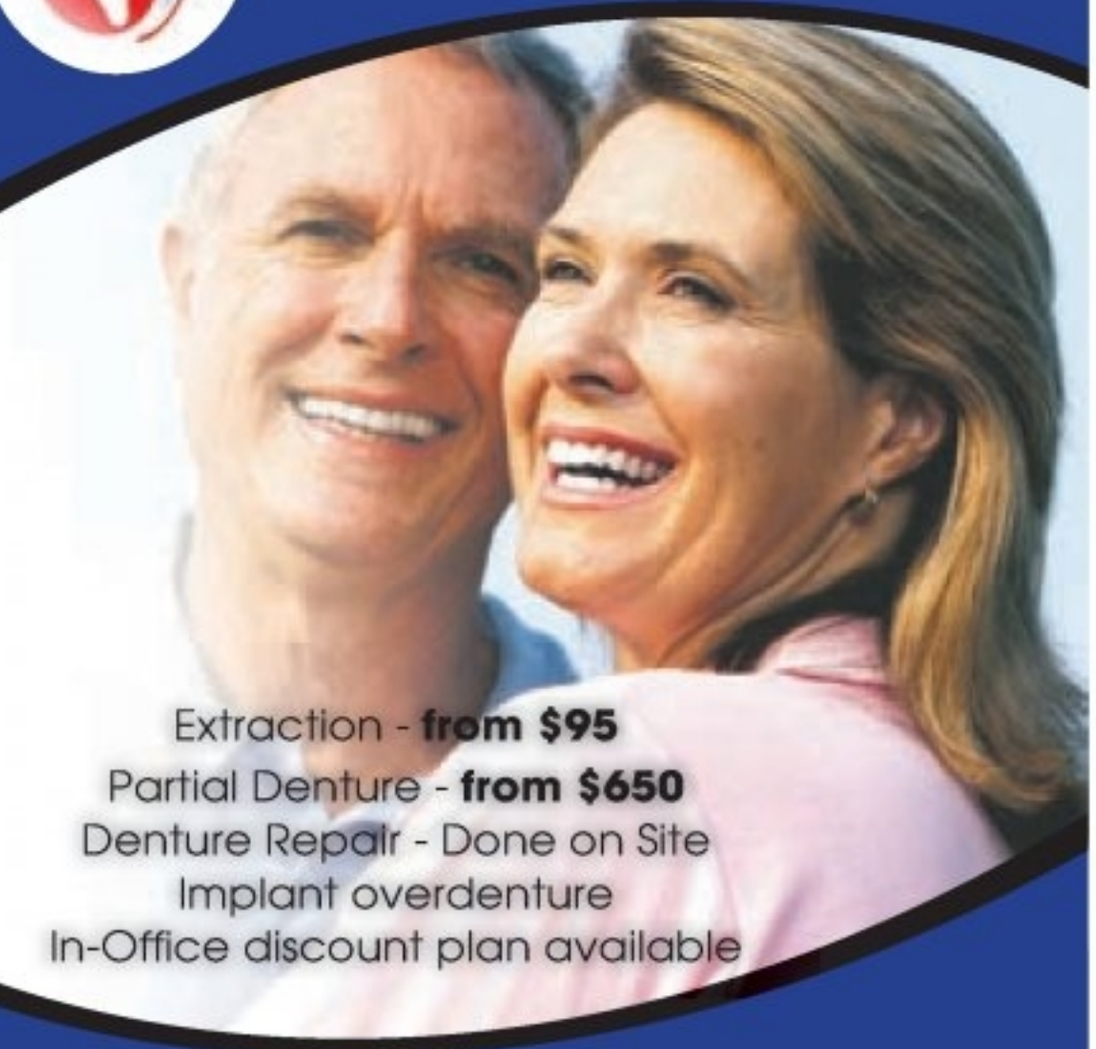

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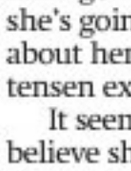
Running with the devil

Erika Christensen falls for a monster on "Wicked City."



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Erika Christensen, right, succumbs to Ed Westwick's charms on "Wicked City," premiering tonight at 10 p.m. on ABC. ABC/ERIC MCCANDLESS

ABC's new drama "Wicked City" is aptly named: Set in the anything-goes club scene in L.A. in the early '80s, the show follows the exploits of a serial killer (Ed Westwick of "Gossip Girl" fame) and the cop trying to track him down (Jeremy Sisto from "Suburgatory"). But Westwick's Kent isn't just some sick loner — he gets involved with a lonely single mother played by Erika Christensen (most recently of "Parenthood"). As to what could suck someone in to such a monster, well, Christensen says it's complicated.

"She's on such a ride from the moment she meets Kent. She's just in, hook, line and sinker, but she doesn't know where she's going. I think that she's going to learn a lot about herself," Christensen explains.

It seems hard to believe she could be so oblivious to the actions of her paramour, and Christensen says she may eventually work out what Kent's up to. "I think she has to at some point, and I don't know how much she learns, how fast, and how on board she's going to be with it," she says. "But we have to start from the place of knowing that she is madly in love with this person."

And Kent is pretty good at getting people to like him. "He's everything she's ever wanted in a man. He makes her feel comfortable in her own skin. He makes her feel sexy and wanted, and he offers an excitement that she doesn't have in her life," Christensen says of her character. "She's an abused person. She's not been treated well. And so for someone to be a kind of Prince Charming for her, she's going to follow him wherever he goes."

It's certainly a pretty drastic shift in tone from the world of "Parenthood," and Christensen jokes that she's a little concerned about her fans. "Listen, I've been trying to warn them that this is not the same thing, but it should be a whole different kind of fun," she says.

For Christensen, it's been a blast to explore a new kind of character. "I am loving seeing the twists and turns she takes. She's learning so much about herself so fast in the course of these 11 episodes. And if we find out that she's crazy — then I haven't done that in a while, so that's fun."

Might she be referring to her early turn as the deranged stalker of a cute classmate in the 2002 teen classic "Swimfan"?

"Yeah, getting back to my roots, there," Christensen says with a smile.

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Don't fall asleep at the Wes Craven sleepover

Jamie Kennedy will be part of a Q&A after "Scream" screens at "A Very Scary Sleepover: Wes Craven's Halloween Nightmare," which starts Saturday at 11 a.m. and goes until Sunday at 6 a.m. at the Prince Theater (1412 Chestnut St.). Tickets are $25 at TheAwesomeFest.com and ticket holders can leave and come back at any time. MIRAMAX

This Halloween, stay awake with a film retrospective from the horror master.

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Actor-comedian Jamie Kennedy, an Upper Darby native, knows something about horror films in Philly.

"It was always scary to see scary movies as a child at the 69th Street Theater," says Kennedy, who's currently starring in "Tremors 5: Bloodlines" and the upcoming "Heartbreaker" on NBC. "Not because of the movies, but because of the crowd that would be in there.

"It was two bucks and you never had a stickier floor."

Kennedy, a star of Wes Craven's iconic "Scream" series, should fit right in at the "A Very Scary Sleepover: Wes Craven's Halloween Nightmare," which begins on Halloween at 11 a.m. at the Prince Theater on Chestnut Street.

Eleven Craven films will be shown until the wee hours of the morning, most on rare 35 mm film prints.

Courteney Cox, Kennedy and Neve Campbell in "Scream." MIRAMAX

The day — and night — celebrates the life and legacy of horror auteur Craven, who brought the slasher genre into new realms, both figuratively and literally, thanks to the "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream" franchises. Craven died in August at the age of 76.

Kennedy will participate in a Q&A following the showing of "Scream," which is the fourth film of the fest.

"Wes Craven was able to be the best because he had so many iconic characters in his films," says Josh Goldbloom, founder of The Awesome Fest, which is co-presenting the "Sleepover" along with the Philadelphia Film Festival.

"Sleepover" attendees, meet Ghostface and Freddy Krueger again, if you dare.

"[Freddy is] the most iconic horror movie villain in the history of cinema," Goldbloom says. "Freddy Krueger is the scariest — to think if I fall asleep I could die? That's a concept that's terrifying."

Don't worry about falling asleep at the theater: There will be free coffee, Goldbloom says.

"If you want to bring a pillow and pajamas, we're all for it," he says. "We wanted to re-create what we experienced growing up as kids, staying up all night long and going to the video store down the street where we'd get five movies for $5 every single weekend and we'd watch them from dusk 'til dawn."

A place in pop culture

"We thought we were doing something that was very unique," says Kennedy, of 1996's "Scream." "We thought we had a cool movie, and we thought if it came out and made enough money to cover our budget, then we would really do well on video and DVD."

"Scream" helped launched the careers of Kennedy, Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette and Liev Schreiber.

"Did we know we were going to become a touching point in pop culture? No," Kennedy says. "Did we know that it would become a classic movie that would withstand the test of time? No, it's beyond amazing. It's so fortunate to have been a part of it."

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Taurus Stick to a solitary activity rather than joining group ventures. Personality clashes are likely if you have a difference of opinion with a colleague.

Gemini A new hobby will help to stave off feelings of lethargy. Damage to a friendship will occur if you unwittingly reveal private information.

Cancer Overspending on luxury items will compromise your budget. Don't try to impress others with showy displays of wealth.

Leo Consider your future. Reflect on your past and make a realistic evaluation of what educational advancements you should be making.

Virgo There is an aura of positive force surrounding you today. Family, friends and romance will all play a major part in your life.

Libra Don't take your frustrations out on others. Your emotions will be close to the surface, so choose an activity that requires concentration.

Scorpio You are best to focus on affection and love. Make the most of your romantic feelings and spend extra time with someone you care about.

Sagittarius Don't risk your position by being indiscreet with one of your peers or openly discussing how you feel about the people you work with.

Capricorn A financial seminar will provide a beneficial moneymaking strategy. Leave time at the end of the workday to de-stress by pursuing a creative passion.

Aquarius Family members will be hard to deal with. Don't make unrealistic demands or promises. Combative sessions can be avoided if you follow through.

Pisces Someone from your past will come to mind or reappear in your life. Your powers of persuasion will help you get your way. **EUGENIA LAST**

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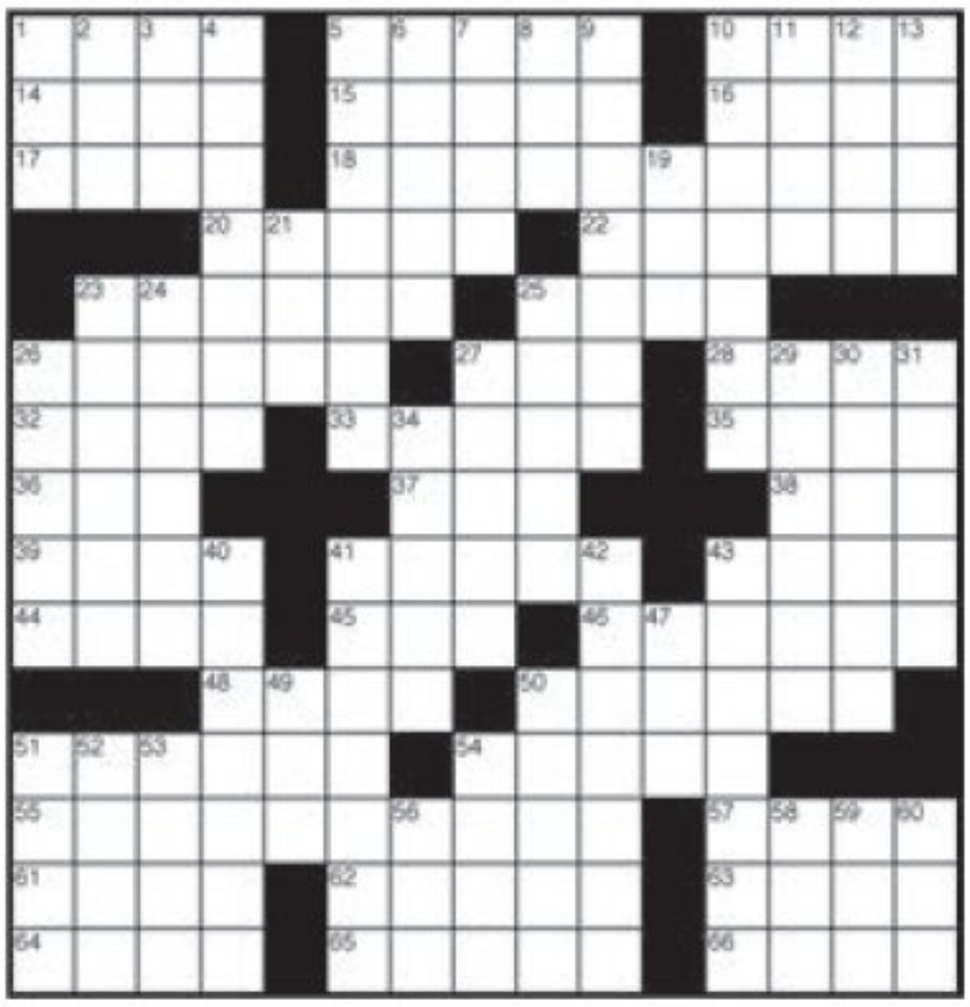

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24 Former Saudi king
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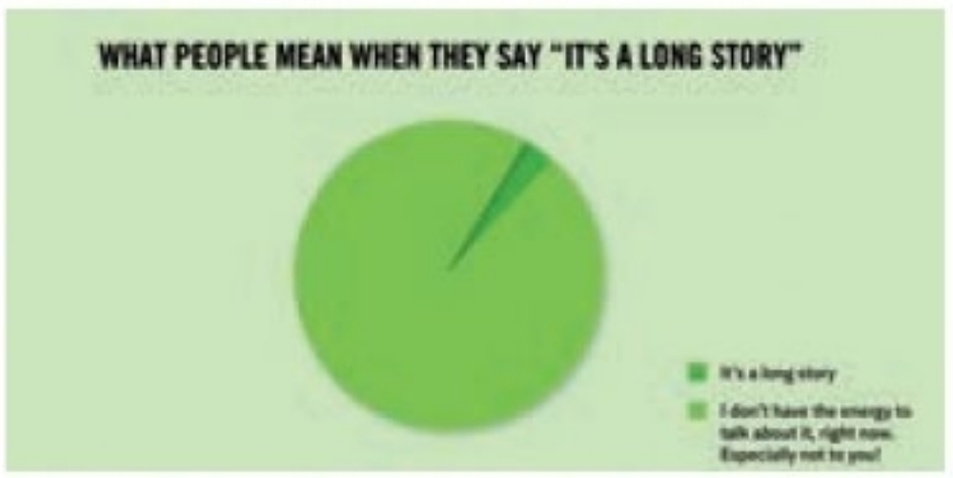
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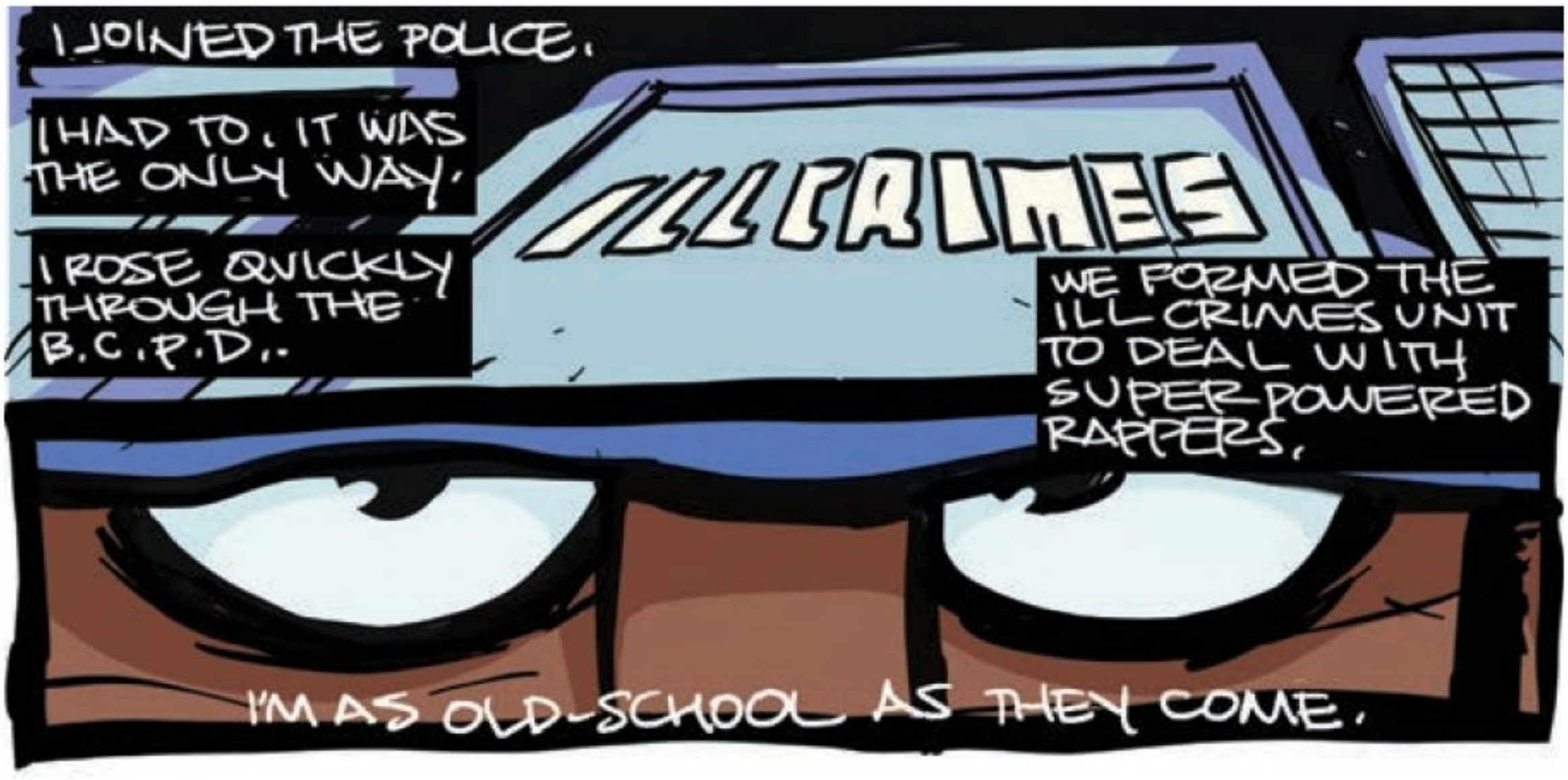
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Take health scares out of Halloween

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Keep an eye on the clock

Daylight Saving Time ends on the same night as Halloween this year, which seems like a good thing — an extra hour on the hardest-partying night of the year is the best treat, right? Maybe. It's easy to let the night take you where it wants, but you could end up getting sick from drinking longer than normal, or being tired enough to fall asleep on the train and end up in Coney Island (and surge pricing is the ultimate party foul). While you do have Sunday to sleep off bad decisions, Monday morning will be a lot less cruel if you turn down at your usual 3 a.m., rather than when the clock says it's 3 a.m.

Rethink trick-or-treating

You don't have to give up Halloween's most hallowed tradition. If going to a club or other big event isn't your speed, organize your own party. The cocktails are easy — a little cranberry juice and anything is bloody, swap the tequila for mezcal and you've got instant smoke and spice — and instead of setting out bowls of candy, ask everyone to bring a home-baked treat. Set up all the pans and plates on various tables and surfaces around your home, and you've got adult trick-or-treating.

Colored contacts could be trouble

A recent study out of Japan found that several brands of nonprescription costume contacts contained chlorine and other harmful chemicals, likely from the dyes used on the lenses. Contacts that don't fit your eyes can also scratch the cornea, which can cause infection and blindness. Get a prescription from an ophthalmologist, or find a different accessory.

Get home safely

If you're walking home and feel unsafe but can't rely on calling someone, there's an app that will let a friend virtually walk with you. Available for free (iOS and Android), Companion can ping one of your contacts (they don't even need to have the app installed) and send them a link to track you on a map. Enter your destination, and if anything happens — you make a wrong turn, start running or the headphones are pulled out of the jack — the app turns the phone into a personal alarm system with loud sounds to scare off criminals and can even call 911. Your contact also gets an alert.

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Getting started is the hardest part, so don't dive into the deep end before learning the basic strokes. ISTOCK

Ghouls and ghosts come around to scare us once a year on Halloween, but some people live with fears and anxieties that haunt them year-round.

For these people, the possibility of failure or rejection is so scary that they would rather play it safe — even if that means enduring the suffering that is familiar and predictable — rather than take the necessary risks to change their lives.

I've learned a lot about facing fear from a 30-year-old client who is just learning to swim. Regina grew up in the inner city, and despite her Caribbean heritage, was never enrolled in a swim class. Consequently, Regina grew up fearing the water and staying ashore during her many trips back to her homeland.

When Regina started learning how to swim last year at a local pool, she was terrified of drowning — she simply did not trust the water to support her weight. Gradually, with the help of flotation devices, she began to venture into the deep end. Though she still has good days and bad days, she keeps showing up and is making progress.

If you long to take risks but find yourself clutching the sides of your metaphorical pool, know that you don't need to jump into the deep end right away. Follow these basic swimming guidelines to ease your way into the waters of your own adventure.

Learn the strokes

When trying to push past fear, preparation is often half the battle. If you look in the right places, you can probably find tools and techniques that will help you move forward. Scared to change jobs? Learning how to write a proper résumé or making the most of LinkedIn and other social media can help you take charge of the situation.

Start slowly

The goal is to stay afloat and move forward, not win an Olympic medal. Take small steps until you feel more comfortable. When necessary, tread water (take breaks) and use flotation devices (friends, loved ones, mentors, counselors) to keep your head above water.

Trust that the water will support you

Every undertaking requires a small leap of faith. Since we can't predict the future, we have to trust that the universe will assist us if we are prepared and our efforts are aligned with our best intentions. Some might call this a spiritual perspective. For the more existential crowd, trusting the water is also about trusting yourself to relax and go with the flow.

Keep moving

To make changes that feel scary, you only need to be slightly more courageous than you are fearful. Once you've taken the first step, it's OK to feel the fear as long you keep moving your arms and kicking your feet. Change happens one stroke and kick at a time.

Oldest siblings are the smartest, ha!

Now, now, children, there's to be no more squabbling over who's the smartest, because a study has settled that question.

Oldest siblings tend to have the highest IQ, according to research by the University of Leipzig that looked at three studies involving 20,000 people.

And there's more bad news for the non-firstborn: Each successive sibling in the family has a lower IQ score than the last.

Don't blame genetics though — the scientists think how kids are raised is the more likely cause.

Younger siblings are generally given more freedom to do what they want, while firstborn kids are under more pressure to achieve.

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"One theory is that following children 'dilute' the resources of their parents," says co-author Julie Rohrer. "While the firstborn gets full parental attention, at least for some months or years, late-borns will have to share from the beginning."

The fact that they usually pass on their knowledge to their siblings could also explain the increase in IQ. "Teaching other people has high cognitive demands," Rohrer adds.

The scientists, after analyzing the results of IQ and personality tests, noticed a clear drop in intelligence. Contrary to popular belief, however, they found no birth order effects on personality traits.

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5 Intriguing questions for the 76ers as the season tips off

The Sixers will take to the hardwood for the third season of their rebuilding/tanking attempt.

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Jahlil Okafor is a leading candidate to win NBA Rookie of the Year in 2015-16. GETTY IMAGES

The 2015-16 version of the 76ers will officially begin Wednesday night at Boston. The home opener will be Friday night.

There will be 80 other games after those two and likely not many wins in sight. But the season must be played.

There will be storylines, surprises and players to watch. Barring a miracle, there won't be any playoff action. Here are five key things to look for:

1 How will Brown handle another losing season?

The highly respected former assistant with the San Antonio Spurs has won just 37 games in two seasons with the Sixers. Another rough season is sure to be ahead. Brown's contract has one more season beyond this one. Will he want to stick around? Will the Sixers sign him to a long-term deal? If the team doesn't markedly improve in the next offseason, Brown could very easily become frustrated. He's a terrific coach, but hasn't had anything to work with since he arrived in Philly.

2 Can Noel, Okafor coexist?

Nerlens Noel is the longest-tenured player on this extremely young roster. Jahlil Okafor played only one season at Duke, though it ended with a national championship. These are two crucial building blocks for the future of this franchise. They almost have to learn to play together. And quickly. Without much veteran leadership, they're going to be learning as they go. Okafor has yet to experience the trials and tribulations of a marathon NBA season. There has to be progress with this duo between now and the end of the season.

3 Will the 76ers find a workable point guard?

They need one desperately. While they have a number of players battling at that position, no one really stands out. It's a weakness that was never addressed in the offseason. It's a glaring weakness, especially since the big men will often feed off it. Maybe Tony Wroten, who's recovering from a knee injury, is the answer — but he's not ready to start the season.

4 Can the team stay (relatively) healthy?

Robert Covington is the latest player to go down with an injury. While it doesn't seem to be as serious as originally believed, it's another blow to an already depleted roster. Shooting is a major challenge as it is with Covington in the lineup. Without him and Nik Stauskas, who will knock down shots on a consistent basis?

5 How will Joel Embiid respond this season?

The highly touted big man will be sitting out a second straight season with an injury. Questions have loomed about his work ethic and desire and determination to be the cornerstone of this franchise. Embiid needs to show his teammates — and the organization — that he's willing to do anything to get on the court and become the superstar they believe he can be.

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MACNOW: ONE PLAY DEFINES EAGLES LOSS TO PANTHERS

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Sometimes, the entire lost war can be narrowed to a single battle. A disastrous campaign clarified by one episode.

In the Eagles 27-16 loss to the Panthers Sunday night, you can boil it down to one play.

You saw it. Three minutes into the fourth quarter (or 11:06 p.m. on your watch), the Eagles were driving. Chip Kelly's offense had scored on its last two possessions, narrowing the deficit to 21-16. In a frustrating night of dropped passes and dumb-headed penalties, there was hope.

Now they had moved 59 yards from their own 10. It was 3rd-and-9 at the Carolina 31.

Time for this offensive-minded coach to call an intermediate pass — maybe to Zack Ertz, who had just caught a 24-yarder. Or maybe a wheel route to Darren Sproles or Ryan Mathews, his most dependable offensive players.

Josh Huff's fourth-quarter catch on an important third-and-9 play yielded a one-yard loss. GETTY IMAGES

"Self-inflicted wounds," Kelly called the mistakes. To fans, they felt like death by 1,000 paper cuts.
Glen Macnow

An NBC camera cut to Kelly on the sideline, flicking his tongue and scheming behind that S/8 play chart. And then Sam Bradford dropped back. And then he lamely dumped the ball to Josh Huff, standing still at the line of scrimmage, with just one blocker near him.

It fooled no one. Huff swiveled, but Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly tossed him like a sack of laundry. One-yard loss. Fourth down.

You know what happened next. Caleb Sturgis hooked a 50-yard field goal attempt. The Panthers got the short field and came back for three. The Eagles were cooked.

The dump-off to Huff seemed more a surrender than a statement from Big-Balls Chip. Why would Kelly crib a losing idea from the Andy Reid playbook at the game's most critical moment?

Clearly, Kelly doesn't trust Bradford to make a clutch throw. Like you at home, he probably holds his breath every time Quarterback Sam has to execute a tough one. I'll give Bradford a gentleman's C-plus for Sunday night. Just one interception (yay!), but still too many off-the-mark throws.

Nor, right now, can Kelly trust his receivers. There were seven drops — pretty well shared, although Jordan Matthews again claimed the Pitchfork Hands Award. Huff couldn't hold one in the end zone earlier in the game. Consider that Kurt Coleman played starting safety for Carolina and it's doubly infuriating Kelly didn't have the confidence to call a long pass.

The NFL is a throwing league. You don't win without the deep ball. Hell, the way the refs call it, half the patterns end in pass interference. You can make an argument the Eagles had reasons for shedding Desean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin. But you can't make the argument they aren't missed.

Finally, on Sunday, Kelly could not trust his offensive line. When Jason Peters was carted off early, the game plan was shredded. Nothing is more critical over the bye week layover than Peters recovering from back spasms. Of course it didn't help that the line's remaining vets, Jason Kelce and Lane Johnson, racked up three more penalties.

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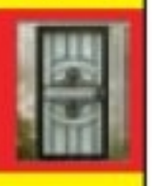

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